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SUBJ: VISIT OF VIETNAMESE DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER PHAN HIEN

REF: ISLAMABAD 1535

1. PHAN HIEN, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, CONCLUDED THREE DAY GOOD WILL VISIT TO NEPAL FEBRUARY 12. DURING COURSE OF VISIT HIEN MET WITH PRIME MINISTER TULSI GIRI, FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE ROUTINE GOOD WILL VISIT TO SOUTH ASIAN STATES. HIEN'S VISIT IS FIRST CONTACT OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE BETWEEN NEPAL AND VIETNAM SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN 1975.

2. UNLIKE VISIT TO PAKISTAN (REFTEL), HIEN MADE NO MENTION OF ECONOMIC MISSION OR POSSIBILITY OF OPENING OF RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION BUT LIMITED HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS TO USUAL PLATITUDES PRAISING NEPALESE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THANKING
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HMG FOR "ACTIVE SYMPATHY DURING LIBERATION STRUGGLE."

3. SEMI-OFFICIAL PAPER RISING NEPAL IN FEBRUARY 12 EDITORIAL HAILED VISIT AS SIGNAL FOR CLOSER BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH TO DATE HAD "REMAINED AT A LEVEL OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND ADMIRATION." PAPER NOTED THAT BOTH VIETNAM AND NEPAL SOUGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AN "ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL COEXISTENCE

IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE."

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT TALKED WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO MET WITH HIEN, BUT FROM PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
WE SEE THE VISIT AS ESSENTIALLY GOOD WILL MISSION. ALTHOUGH
HMG IS WILLING TO INCREASE ITS TIES WITH COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST
ASIA, WE DOUBT THAT THE HIEN VISIT HERALDS A SIGNIFICANT
STEP IN CONTACTS WITH VIETNAM, NOR WOULD WE EXPECT
VIETNAMESE TO EXPEND PRECIOUS RESOURCES BY ESTABLISHING
DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN KATHMANDU.
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